

REMARKS

Claims 2, 4, 15, 18 and 19 are pending. The Examiner's reconsideration of the rejections is respectfully requested in view of the remarks.

Applicants appreciate the Examiner's indication that Claim 19 is allowed.

Claims 1, 2, 4, 14, 15 and 18 have been rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being anticipated by Iwamoto (USPN 6,292,040) in view of McCune (USPN 5,306,971) and further in view of Kunanayagam et al. (USPN 6,850,106). The Examiner stated essentially that the combined teachings of Iwamoto, McCune and Kunanayagam teach or suggest all the limitations of Claims 1, 2, 4, 14, 15 and 18.

Claims 1 and 14 have been canceled. Claims 2, 4, 14 and 18 have been amended to depend from allowable Claim 19. The dependent claims are believed to be allowable for at least the reasons given for Claim 19. Reconsideration of the rejection is respectfully requested.

For the forgoing reasons, the application, including Claims 2, 4, 15, 18 and 19, is believed to be in condition for allowance. Early and favorable reconsideration of the case is respectfully requested.

Respectfully submitted,

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